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Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, today it didn't rain much, just a little this morning. We had our inspection this morning, and everything went off O.K. This afternoon we hauled in a lot of coral sand to fill up all of the mud puddles in the company street and in the tents. It looks a lot better now.

Then right before supper we got issued a case of beer plus 2 cans. I got rid ofmine, because I can't stand the stuff. All of the boys are really happy tonight, and feeling good. Most of them try to get rid of theirs in one drinking, during one night. And then the next morning all of them are feeling bad.

The mail hasn't come in asyet, but the mail orderly has gone for it now. This morning I got a package, the first in over a month. Ithas 2 cans of food and some pecans. Please mark the date on the outside of the package so that I can tell when it was mailed. Right? Well, he just came up with 3 bags of mail, so I might have another box. Hope so. Also got about 8 papers today, the first in over a month, all B'ham news.I don't seem to get any Tuscaloosa News anymore. Well, he is now separating the stuff, and I just got a can of something; guess it is another can of cookies. No date onit, either. It sure is hot as the devil today, and I just took a nice, cool shower.We have anice shower built for the whole company now, with 6 showers onit, and it sure is nice.

Well, I got 5 letters, 1 from you dated Feb.19; 2 from Lottie, dated Feb 26 and Mar, and 1 from Martelle and 1 from Manuel. Well, here goes the answers to all of the questions of your letter of March 1/45. Bert weighed 180 pounds.When I said 150, I was quoting the Col. in P.I., as I hadn't seen him then. Bert didn't know I was coming tosee him, and couldn't see me, but I told him who it was from dock to the deck where he was, and then about 20 minutes I went aboard, and we never stopped talking. He acted as always, with the same self confidence,and the wonderfulpersonality; meeting and talking and shooting the bull as the old Bert, just as a politician does. He was very anxious to tell everything, as were the rest of the men. He told me all about seeing Logan. His eyesare bad, but will be O.K. in a few months. He can read atypewritten page close to his eyes. Bert has only one scar, onhis right hand, about 1½ inches long, and it don't affect his hand. It is just as good as new.I tellyou that you couldn't even tell he had been through the Hell he has been through. I don't know Harold Levin. He expcts a promotion when he gets back, but don't know for sure. But he will get one, and probably two promotions, which makeshim a Lt. Col. Some classin the Bank's family. Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon. We didn't say a thing during the taking of thenewsreels.

Love,

Harold